



A Message From the President...

Welcome ladies and gentlemen to this latest addition of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America, Central Florida Section 3.0. I am writing this brief President's message to introduce myself. I'm Bob Hartmann, and besides having a passion for all things automotive, particularly Mercedes Benz, I was anxious to help re-launch a club that, quite frankly, even I didn't get involved with prior to now. Though I have been a member for the past 10 years of this Central Florida Section, there was, in my opinion, limited communications and interactions with regards to events, especially events that would interest me.

We recently had a get together of interested section members with Dan Cabrera, the MBCA Regional Director, and a group of us volunteered to lead the revival of this section. The three other officers and myself have a real desire to make this club into something that will provide a little bit of everything for everyone. Although we are in the early stages of getting our act together, there has been tremendous early support for our efforts. In the coming months we hope to establish better communications and also timely events that you, our fellow members, will enjoy. To say that we will be "hitting the mark" out of the gate is a bit unrealistic; however, with your help and involvement we feel that we can make a go of it. As we move forward, you can expect to have communications delivered via email as well as the postal service. In any event, we look forward to your suggestions as to how we can make your club better for you. We have no single "silver bullet" with which to incorporate everyone's wishes; however, we will endeavor to bring about a club that brings value to each and every one of you based in our region and beyond.

Since I've gotten that introduction out of the way, I'd like to announce our first section event. With the holidays coming, we thought it might be a great time to have a party. To that end, we will be having a brunch buffet at the Mission Inn, located at Howey In the Hills, Florida on Sunday December 3rd. The exact specifics will be in an upcoming email notification to all of you and will include times, directions and costs. Our activities coordinator, Bob Rolle, is working hard with his team of volunteers to bring forth additional events for early 2018. Plans are in the works for a tech session in late January focused on auto detailing and a February visit to an auto museum and lunch in Mount Dora. As I mentioned before, your suggestions of what you would like to see are welcome and encouraged.

Until we have a chance to meet personally, please feel free to contact me at hartmann.r@att.net with any questions or concerns you may have. We want to make this section one that everyone will enjoy by making friends and having fun events. Thanks again for your time, and I hope to see you in early December.

